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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My citizenship, residence and post office address are as listed below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Crosspoint Switch for a Fibre Channel Arbitrated Loop.

Acknowledgment of Duty of Disclosure.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

Power of Attorney.

I hereby appoint the practitioners at customer number 21121 as attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Please send correspondence to customer number 21121.

Claim for Priority.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) or 365(b) of the foreign applications listed below and have also identified below any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Ireland S2000/0599 July 26, 2000

Ireland S2000/0711, September 7, 2000

Foreign application(s), if any, filed more than 12 months prior to said application:

None

Provisional Application. I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of the following United States provisional application:

None

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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